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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Eternal Father and Lord of the living, enable us to approach You with humility of heart and poverty of spirit.

The Members of Congress are powerful people. Their words bear weight and their positions before the people deserve respect. Therefore, they need to be steeled from arrogance on one side and casual routine on the other.

Lord, only the two-edged sword of Your Word and Your purity of Spirit can bring freshness to their spirits and confirming hope to their constituents. Strengthen their pledge to uphold the Constitution against blatant and subtle attacks and to serve the people with all their hearts.

Then may their speech, their decisions, and their working together with the pluralism of this democracy give You the glory, honor, and power now and forever.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced

that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1134. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Guy Rocha of Nevada, vice Stephen Van Buren of South Dakota.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minute speeches on each side.

### QUESTIONING THE LEADERSHIP ACROSS THE AISLE

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the minority leader of this body slammed the good work we did in repealing the death tax. She called it "reverse Robin Hood."

Well, Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, the minority leader owes an apology to all those families that will get to keep the family farm and to all of those small businesses that will survive a second generation because of this tax relief, and she owes an apology to the 42 Democrats who voted with the Republican majority for this very important tax relief.

One has to question the choice of leadership across the aisle. The liberal leadership has opposed repealing the death tax, which is a triple tax on America's working families. They have opposed an energy bill for years now,

and they have not supported strengthening our immigration laws. Now they are fighting tooth and nail to prevent Social Security reform.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents are asking what, if anything, do they stand for? In my opinion, they stand for more tax and more spend, everything costs more. I want the American people to know the Republican majority in this House is going to fight to be certain they do not get their way.

### SUPPORT RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I am going to be in Columbus, Ohio, tomorrow speaking on education when the President is visiting the Cleveland area to speak on Social Security. Now, the President has alternately asserted there is no Social Security trust fund or it is just IOUs.

Here is a copy of the trust fund report from the Social Security Administration. There is a \$1.68 trillion surplus in the trust fund. It will grow to \$6.6 trillion by 2028. The IOUs the President speaks about are loans that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

Question: Is the President reneging on repaying the more than \$637 billion his administration borrowed from the trust fund?

Question: Is this a scheme for the administration to transfer Social Security wealth from tens of millions of American workers to pay for the tax cuts for the rich?

A few weeks ago, I introduced a Resolution of Inquiry asking the President to produce documents to back up his claim there is no trust fund. If anyone in this House has those documents,

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